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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is a "Request for Waiver" of the deadline in regards to our FORM 486 NOTIFICATION LETTER dated May 7, 2003. Pertinent information relative to this request appears below.

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Form 486 Application Number: 209900

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Service Provider Identification Number: 143019989

Service Start Date: 12/18/2002

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CLINTON CO RESA would appreciate your consideration for this "Request for Waiver" of the deadline and ask you to grant full funding after considering the extenuating circumstances outlined below that caused our school district to overlook its 486 deadline.

Resignation of USF Contact

During 2002 spring semester our Technology Coordinator and USF contact at that time, Sherry McVay, resigned and took a position at DeWitt Public Schools. In her absence I served as CLINTON CO RESA's USF contact.

Delay in Hiring Replacement Technology Coordinator and USF Contact
There was a two month gap between the resignation of the former Technology
Coordinator and the actual commencement of employment for the new
Technology Coordinator.

Program Priorities and Failure to Assign 486 Responsibilities to new Coordinator Steve Cameron, was employed by CLINTON CO RESA late in the semester and was immediately assigned to coordinate and report student records (SRSD) for all K-12 students (approx 10,000 pupils) in Clinton County to the State of Michigan's new CEPI system.

Relocation of CCRESA Facilities and Computer/Technology Equipment to New Site

Mr. Cameron was also heavily involved with the planning and coordination of Clinton Co RESA's move of it's computer hardware from it's old facility to it's new facility. This was a very challenging task and involved a great deal of focus and commitment to complete successfully.

Preparation was also occurring for the two week Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Livingston and Shiawassee County Summer Regional Technology Academy (RTA) that provides technology integration professional development to nearly 1000 Mid-Michigan teachers and rewriting our district Technology Plan that was due to the Michigan Department of Education.

486 Misfiled During Relocation

It was between RTA sessions (which Mr Cameron was instructing) that I delivered the 486 'blue letter' packet to Mr Cameron. Since we could not review the 486 at the time we agreed to do so later in the summer or early in the fall.

During the move of the office the 486 was misfiled. The review did not occur when anticipated and unfortunately, it was months later that our ISP, MMNET, noticed that our 486 approval was missing and called us about it. At that point we looked for the misplaced documentation, found it, and submitted it to get the portion of the funding that was recently approved.

Request for Waiver of Deadline based on Local Contributions and SLD Priority
Due to the extenuating circumstances outlined above and the two additional
factors stated below, we request a waiver of the deadline. Our hope is that
because our local residents contributed USF funds (via their monthly phone bills)
toward the amount that was originally set aside for our schools and because of
SLD's priority to help schools provide adequate Internet and telecommunications

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services, you will grant our waiver of the deadline which would reinstate CLINTON COUNTY RESA's original funding.

Safeguards in Place to Prevent Future Compliance Problems

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Now that we have our Technology Coordinator position filled we anticipate having Mr. Cameron being the USF contact person for future USF forms and filing requirements. This should eliminate potential communication and form completion problems with SLD. To make sure that we do not miss any of our future 486 (or other) USF submission dates we plan to switch our USF contact person from myself to Mr. Cameron. This will assure the person filing the necessary forms is the same person responsible for other SLD correspondence. We will also have the technology's clerical person, Linda Shepard, add these important submission dates to our shared calendar to elevate their priority (and our attention to it).

Thank you for your consideration of our "Request for Waiver" to receive a full year of funding for the Internet Access and Telecommunication Service that we dearly need and value.

Should you require any additional information feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Lee Kleinians

Business Manager Clinton County RESA